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SUBJECT: FY76 PARTIAL IV GRANT

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1. POST NOMINATES HIDETOSHI YOSHIMOTO, FORMER ASSISTANT FOREIGN EDITOR, NISHI NIPPON SHIMBUN TOKYO OFFICE, FOR 25 DAY PARTIAL GRANT WITH PER DIEM, DOMESTIC TRAVEL. NO INTERPRETER. HAS JUST ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON TO BEGIN APPROXIMATELY 4 YEAR ASSIGNMENT AS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT REPRESENTING THREE BLOC NEWSPAPERS - HOKKAIDO SHIMBUN, CHUNICHI TOKYO SHIMBUN AND NISHI NIPPON. POST BELIEVES IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOSHIMOTO OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL US EXTENSIVELY TO LEARN GENERAL POLITICAL CLIMATE, HIS RESPONSIBILITY BEING TO REPORT POLITICAL ISSUES.

2. BORN JUNE 28, 1935, KOREA. MARRIED. TWO DAUGHTERS (4 AND 1). PAST POSITION: BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT, 1971-73. PRESENT ADDRESS, 146-3, KOROKUDAI, MATSUDO-SHO, CHIBA-KEN. GRADUATED KYUSHU UNIVERSITY. STUDIED AT WORLD PRESS INSTITUTE, MACALESTER COLLEGE, ST. PAUL, MINN. NO DIETARY RESTRICTION. TRAVEL ABROAD: TO US, 1967-68 FOR STUDY; TO OTHER COUNTRIES, 1971-73, AS BEIRUT CORRESPONDENT VISITED EGYPT, JORDAN, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA, ISRAEL, ETC. HAS WRITTEN SEVERAL ARTICLES IN ENGLISH FOR TACOMA (WASH.) NEW TRIBUNE. TACOMA AFFILIATED WITH KITA-KYUSHU CITY WHERE HE STARTED

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3. YOSHIMOTO PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN PRESIDENTIAL SYSTEM: HOW IT WORKS, EXTENT OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER, RELATIONSHIP TO CONGRESS, HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, PEOPLE'S VIEW THEREOF, ETC. WILL WRITE LONG SERIES ON THIS FROM WASHINGTON, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED LATER AS BOOK. POST SUGGESTS HE BE EXPOSED TO VARIOUS POLITICAL PRESSURE GROUPS AND OTHER ELEMENTS ACTIVE IN ELECTION YEAR. IF POSSIBLE, LET HIM OBSERVE MAJOR CANDIDATE ON CAMPAIGN TRAIL, AND PERHAPS JOIN NEWSMEN ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT'S CAMPAIGN TRIP.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, CONTACT HIM AT NISHI NIPPON SHIMBUN WASHINGTON BUREAU.
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